

HOMOGENEOUS LAGRANGIAN SUBMANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. We characterize isometric actions on compact Kähler manifolds admitting a Lagrangian orbit, describing under which condition the Lagrangian orbit is unique. We furthermore give the complete classification of simple groups acting on the complex projective space with a Lagrangian orbit, and we give the explicit list of these orbits.

INTRODUCTION

A Lagrangian submanifold of a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic manifold (M, ω) is an n -dimensional submanifold on which the symplectic form ω vanishes. Lagrangian submanifolds play an important role in symplectic geometry and topology.

In the Kähler setting i.e. when M admits an integrable almost complex structure J such that the bilinear form $g(X, Y) = \omega(X, JY)$ defines a Riemannian metric on M , the associated Riemannian properties of Lagrangian submanifolds have been studied by different authors (see [HL], [Ta], [Br], [Oh], [Oh2]), in particular in relation to the analysis of *minimal* Lagrangian submanifolds. In [Oh] the author asks for a group theoretical machinery producing minimal Lagrangian submanifolds in Hermitian symmetric spaces.

In the present paper we first study the existence problem of homogeneous Lagrangian submanifolds in compact Kähler manifolds, coming to the characterization of isometric actions admitting a Lagrangian orbit, by imposing an additional hypothesis on M , holding for a large class of Kähler manifolds including irreducible Hermitian symmetric spaces. Namely we require the space $H^{1,1}(M)$ to be 1-dimensional.

Theorem 1. *Let K be a compact connected group of isometries acting in a Hamiltonian fashion on a compact Kähler manifold M with $h^{1,1}(M) = 1$. Then M admits a K -homogeneous Lagrangian submanifold if and only if $K^{\mathbb{C}}$ has an open Stein orbit in M .*

In [Ak] it is proved that if $G := K^{\mathbb{C}}$ acts holomorphically on a complex manifold with an open Stein orbit, then there exists a *totally real* K -orbit \mathcal{O} , i.e. at every point of \mathcal{O} the tangent space does not contain complex lines.

A counterexample shows that when $h^{1,1} > 1$, even the presence of an open Stein $K^{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbit does not guarantee the existence of a Lagrangian K -orbit.

When K is semisimple it turns out that the Lagrangian orbit is unique and, when M is Kähler Einstein, it is also minimal. In the general case we describe the actions having infinitely many Lagrangian orbits, characterizing the minimal ones in Section 2.

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Theorem 2. *A Lagrangian K -orbit, $K \cdot p$, is isolated (actually unique) if and only if the smallest subgroup K' of K such that $K \cdot p = K' \cdot p$ is semisimple.*

Our main tool will be the moment map, that can be defined whenever we consider an Hamiltonian group action on M . More precisely, let (M, ω, J) be a compact $2n$ -dimensional Kähler manifold, acted on in a Hamiltonian fashion by a compact connected subgroup K of its full isometry group. This means that there exists a smooth map $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{k}^* = \text{Lie}(K)^*$, called a *moment map*, with the following properties:

- (1) $d\mu_p(v)(X) = \omega_p(v, \widehat{X}_p)$ for all $p \in M$, $v \in T_p M$ and $X \in \mathfrak{k}$. Here \widehat{X}_p stands for the fundamental field associated to X , evaluated at p ;
- (2) μ is K -equivariant with respect to the coadjoint action of K on \mathfrak{k}^* .

In general the matter of existence and uniqueness of the moment map is delicate. However, whenever the Lie group K is semisimple there is a unique moment map (see e.g. [Kr]). If (M, ω) , as in our situation, is a compact Kähler manifold and K is a connected compact group of holomorphic isometries then the existence problem can be easily solved: a moment map exists if and only if K acts trivially on the Albanese manifold of M (see e.g. [HW]). Moreover if μ_1 and μ_2 are two moment maps, there exists c in the dual of the Lie algebra of the center of K , such that $\mu_1 = \mu_2 + c$.

In [GP] the authors have studied the critical set of the squared moment map $\|\mu\|^2$, where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the norm induced by an $Ad(K)$ -invariant inner product \langle, \rangle on \mathfrak{k}^* . In particular it is proved that if a point $x \in M$ realizes the maximum of $\|\mu\|^2$, then the orbit $K \cdot x$ is complex; hence $K \cdot x = K^\mathbb{C} \cdot x$ is a closed $K^\mathbb{C}$ -orbit; it is therefore natural to consider the “dual” problem, i.e. to investigate the K -orbits through points $y \in M$ that attain the minimum of $\|\mu\|^2$. At least when K is semisimple and $K^\mathbb{C}$ has an open Stein orbit on M , Theorem 1 is a step in this direction.

While in Theorem 1 we prove the existence of a Lagrangian orbit L , we do not exhibit an effective way to single out L . At least for self-dual representations, we give in Remark 6 an explicit expression, in terms of the highest weight vector, of a point through which the orbit is Lagrangian. Using this result and several *ad hoc* arguments we finally give the complete classification of Lagrangian submanifolds of the complex projective space on which a simple group of isometries of the whole space acts transitively.

Theorem 3. *Let K be a simple compact Lie group acting on the complex projective space $\mathbb{P}(V)$, by means of a unitary representation $\rho : K \rightarrow U(V)$. The group K has a Lagrangian orbit in $\mathbb{P}(V)$ if and only if it appears in Table 1.*

The paper is organized as follows: In the first section we introduce some notations and give the proof of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. In the second section we analyse the minimality of Lagrangian submanifolds, while in the last section we give the complete classification of simple Lie groups that admit an homogeneous Lagrangian submanifold L in the complex projective space.

Notations and conventions. Lie groups and their Lie algebras will be indicated with capital and gothic letters respectively. Moreover, after identifying, by means of a $Ad(K)$ -invariant

inner product \langle, \rangle on \mathfrak{k}^* , the Lie algebra \mathfrak{k} and its dual \mathfrak{k}^* , we will alternatively consider μ as a \mathfrak{k} -valued map.

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1. EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS

Let M be a compact complex manifold with a Kähler form ω and K be a compact group of isometries acting on M in a Hamiltonian fashion. From now on we fix a moment map μ , and focus on the set of points of M sent by μ to $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$, we will denote this set by \mathcal{Z} . The defining properties of μ imply that the K -orbits through points of \mathcal{Z} are ω -isotropic, indeed, for every X, Y in \mathfrak{k} and $q = kp$ in $K \cdot p$

$$\omega_q(\widehat{X}_q, \widehat{Y}_q) = d\mu_q(\widehat{X}_q)(Y) = \frac{d}{dt}\bigg|_{t=0} \exp tXk \cdot \mu(p)(Y) = 0.$$

Since the K -action on M is holomorphic, it induces, when M is compact, an action of the complexified group $G := K^{\mathbb{C}}$ on M . With these notation we state

Lemma 1. *Let p be in \mathcal{Z} . Then the following statements are equivalent*

- (1) *the K -orbit through p is Lagrangian;*
- (2) *the G -orbit Ω through p is open in M , i.e. M is a G -almost homogeneous space.*

In this case the G -orbit is a Stein manifold.

Proof. Denote by \mathcal{O} the K -orbit through p .

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) The tangent space to the G -orbit through p is given by

$$T_p(G \cdot p) = T_p\mathcal{O} + JT_p\mathcal{O}$$

and the sum must be direct since $JT_p\mathcal{O} \cap T_p\mathcal{O} = \{0\}$ because \mathcal{O} is Lagrangian. Hence $\dim T_p G \cdot p = 2 \dim T_p\mathcal{O} = \dim M$ and the G -orbit is open.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Since the G -orbit is open, $\dim T_p\mathcal{O} + \dim JT_p\mathcal{O} \geq 2n$. Now the conclusion follows recalling that \mathcal{O} is isotropic ($\mu(p) \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$), hence $\dim \mathcal{O} \leq n$.

Let $H \leq K$ be the isotropy subgroup at p . When we consider the complexified action, the Lie algebra of the stabilizer, \mathfrak{g}_p , is given by the set of vectors $W = X + iY$ such that $\widehat{W}_p = 0$. Now, recalling that $JT_p\mathcal{O} = (T_p\mathcal{O})^{\perp}$ we get that $\widehat{X}_p = \widehat{Y}_p = 0$, therefore the complex isotropy is reductive and the open orbit $\Omega = \frac{K^{\mathbb{C}}}{H^{\mathbb{C}}}$ is Stein thanks to a theorem of Matsushima [Ma]. \square

An immediate consequence is the following

Corollary 1. *The complement of Ω in M has complex codimension 1.*

Theorem 1 proves that, by imposing an additional hypothesis on the cohomology of M , the existence of an open Stein G -orbit is indeed sufficient to guarantee the presence of a Lagrangian K -orbit, while in Theorem 2 we characterize the actions having infinitely many Lagrangian orbits. Now we recall two results that will be used in proving the theorems, the first one is due to Kirwan [Kr]

Lemma 2 (Kirwan). *Let x and y be two points in a Kähler manifold M , acted on in a Hamiltonian fashion by a group of isometries K , such that $\mu(x) = \mu(y) = 0$. Suppose that x and y lie in different K -orbits, then there exist two $K^\mathbb{C}$ -invariant disjoint neighborhoods U_x and U_y of x and y respectively.*

The following is a classical result in Kähler geometry (see e.g. [KM] for a proof), it is essentially a consequence of $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma, holding for compact Kähler manifolds.

Proposition 1. *Let $L \rightarrow M$ be a line bundle on a compact Kähler manifold M . If ω is any real, closed $(1,1)$ -form such that $[\omega] = c_1^\mathbb{R}(L) \in H_{dR}^2(M)$, then there exists a Hermitian metric along the fibers of L whose curvature form is $\Theta = \frac{i}{2\pi}\omega$.*

Now we can prove Theorem 1.

Note that a compact Kähler manifold M with $h^{1,1}(M) = 1$ is necessarily projective. Indeed, since the Kähler form ω is of type $(1,1)$, we can scale it so that we obtain an integral class $[\tilde{\omega}] \in H^2(M; \mathbb{Z})$ and use the Kodaira Embedding Theorem.

Note that the hypotheses of Theorem 1 are naturally satisfied when M is a compact irreducible Hermitian symmetric space.

Proof of Theorem 1. We need only to prove that if $G = K^\mathbb{C}$ has an open Stein orbit, then there exists a Lagrangian K -orbit. Denote again by $\Omega = G \cdot p$ the open Stein orbit and by Y its complement in M . By Corollary 1, Y is a divisor of M and therefore it determines a holomorphic line bundle L on M and a section $\sigma \in H^0(L)$ such that Y is the vanishing locus of σ . We scale ω so that we obtain a positive generator of the free part of $H^2(M; \mathbb{Z}) \cap H^{1,1}(M)$. Since $h^{1,1}(M) = 1$ the first Chern class of L is a positive integer multiple of the class of the scaled Kähler form ω on M :

$$c_1(L) = m[\omega] \in H^{1,1}(M).$$

Now, by Proposition 1, it is possible to find a Hermitian metric h on the fibers of L such that its curvature form is

$$\Theta = m \frac{i}{2\pi} \omega.$$

On the other hand, the curvature on Ω is exactly (see e.g. [KM])

$$\partial\bar{\partial} \log \|\sigma\|^2,$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the norm induced by h . Thus we have found a strictly plurisubharmonic real valued function ρ such that $\omega = i\partial\bar{\partial}\rho$. Note that by construction $\rho : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an exhaustion function. Observe that we can assume ρ to be K -invariant, since this can be achieved by averaging over the compact group K .

Starting from ρ we can define a map $\phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathfrak{k}^*$ as follows

$$\phi(p)(X) := \frac{1}{2}(J\hat{X})_p(\rho).$$

Clearly the K -invariance of ρ implies the K -equivariance of ϕ . Moreover, for every $p \in \Omega$, $v \in T_p\Omega$ and $X \in \mathfrak{k}$, we have that $d\phi_p(v)(X) = \omega_p(v, \hat{X}_p)$ (see [HHL] for the proof). Hence ϕ is a moment map for the Hamiltonian action of K on Ω and therefore its extension to the whole M ϕ differs from μ by an element z of $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$.

Let now $x_o \in \Omega$ be a critical point of the exhaustion function ρ , then $d\rho_{x_o} = 0$ and $\phi(x_o)(X) = \frac{1}{2}(J\widehat{X}_{x_o})(\rho) = 0$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{k}$. Thus $\mu(x_o)$ belongs to the Lie algebra of the center of K , and the K -orbit through x_o is Lagrangian by Lemma 1. \square

Remark 1. If the assumption of the Hodge number $h^{1,1}(M)$ in Theorem 1 is not satisfied we cannot reach the same conclusion. Indeed consider the example of $SU(3)$ acting on $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ as follows

$$A \cdot ([x], [y]) = ([Ax], [\bar{A}y])$$

with $A \in SU(3)$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \{0\}$. Since $h^{1,1}(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2) = 2$ we can choose an $SU(3)$ -invariant symplectic form $\omega_\varepsilon = \omega_0 \oplus (1 + \varepsilon)\omega_0$ on $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$, where ω_0 is the Fubini-Study 2-form on \mathbb{P}^2 and ε is a small positive constant. In this case, there exists an open Stein G -orbit (see e.g. [Ak2]), while the image of the moment map does not contain 0 (see also [BG] for the picture of the moment polytope in this case).

Remark 2. If the group $K^\mathbb{C}$ has an open Stein orbit in M with $h^{1,1}(M) = 1$, the same is true for $(K \cdot Z)^\mathbb{C}$, where Z centralizes K . Indeed consider $p \in M$ such that $K \cdot p$ is Lagrangian (cfr. Theorem 1), then $\mu(p) \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$ where μ is a moment map for the K -action. On the other hand μ is the composition of the moment map μ' for the action of $K' := K \cdot Z$ with the projection induced by the inclusion on the dual of the Lie algebras. Therefore $\mu'(p) \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k}')$ and for dimensional reasons $K' \cdot p$ is Lagrangian and the claim follows from lemma 1.

Under the same assumptions of Theorem 1 on M we prove Theorem 2

Proof of Theorem 2. In the semisimple case the moment map is unique, therefore, using the same notation as in Theorem 1 we have $\mu(x_o) = 0$ at the critical point x_o of ρ , and $\mu^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset$. Take x and y in $\mu^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega$, applying Lemma 2, we deduce that x and y belong to the same K -orbit, and $\mu^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega$ is therefore compact. Then, since when M is compact the fibers of the moment map are connected [Kr], we get that $\mu^{-1}(0)$ is contained in Ω and it is a single K -orbit.

If the semisimple part of K , that will be denoted by K_s , has a Lagrangian orbit L , then K has a unique Lagrangian orbit. Indeed, combining Theorem 1 and the previous remark, we get that there exists a Lagrangian K -orbit, this is contained in $\mu_s^{-1}(0) = L$, where μ_s is the moment map for the K_s action, and it is therefore unique.

Now assume that $K \cdot p$ is a Lagrangian orbit and denote by H the connected component of the identity of the isotropy subgroup K_p . At the Lie algebra level \mathfrak{k} can be written as the direct sum $\mathfrak{k}_s \oplus \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$. Consider the projection $\pi : \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$. Suppose that $\pi(\mathfrak{h}) \neq 0$, and consider $Z' \subset Z$ a subtorus such that its Lie algebra satisfies

$$\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k}) = \pi(\mathfrak{h}) + \mathfrak{z}',$$

and call K' the group $K_s \cdot Z'$. We first prove that $K' \cdot p$ has the same dimension of $K \cdot p$ and therefore $K' \cdot p$ is Lagrangian. The set of tangent vectors to the K' -orbit is given by

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{k}'}|_p = \widehat{\mathfrak{k}_s}|_p + \widehat{\mathfrak{z}'}|_p$$

while the set of vectors tangent to the K -orbit is given by

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}|_p = \widehat{\mathfrak{k}}_s|_p + \widehat{\mathfrak{z}}'|_p + \widehat{\pi(\mathfrak{h})}|_p.$$

By construction $\widehat{\pi(\mathfrak{h})}|_p$ is contained in $\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}_s|_p$ hence the K - and K' -orbits through p coincide.

Now denote by H' the group $K_p'^o$; the projection $\pi(\mathfrak{h}')$ is $\{0\}$, i.e. $H' \subseteq K_s$.

We claim that for all subtori $Z'' \leq Z'$ of codimension 1 in Z' , the group $K'' = K_s \cdot Z''$ has no Lagrangian orbits. This can be proven observing that H' coincides with $K_p''^o$. Indeed $K'' \cdot p \subset K' \cdot p$ and $\text{codim}_{K' \cdot p}(K'' \cdot p) = 1$, hence

$$\dim K_p' = \dim K' - \dim K' \cdot p = \dim K'' - \dim K' \cdot p - 1 = \dim K'' - \dim K'' \cdot p = \dim K_p''$$

therefore

$$\dim K'' \cdot p < \dim K' \cdot p$$

and the K'' -orbit is not Lagrangian.

Denote by μ'' the moment map associated to the K'' -action on M . Consider the set $M^{K_p'^o}$, i.e the set

$$\{x \in M \mid H' \cdot x = x\}.$$

We first prove that $\mu''(M^{H'})$ is contained in $\mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{m}''}(\mathfrak{h}')$, where $\mathfrak{k}'' = \mathfrak{h}' \oplus \mathfrak{m}''$ and $\mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{m}''}(\mathfrak{h}') = \{X \in \mathfrak{m}'' \mid [X, \mathfrak{h}'] = 0\}$. Clearly $\mu''(M^{H'})$ is contained in $\mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{k}''}(\mathfrak{h}')$. Moreover let $\gamma(t)$ be a smooth curve contained in $M^{H'}$ joining p and a point $x \in M^{H'}$. We get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mu''(\gamma(t)), \mathfrak{h}' \rangle = \langle d\mu''_{\gamma(t)}(\gamma'(t)), \mathfrak{h}' \rangle = \omega_{\gamma(t)}(\gamma'(t), \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}'|_{\gamma(t)}) \equiv 0$$

where the last equality holds since $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}'|_{\gamma(t)} = 0$. Now recall that the orbit $K' \cdot p$ is Lagrangian hence $\mu''(p) = c \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k}'') = \mathfrak{z}''$ which is orthogonal to \mathfrak{h}' . Therefore $\mu''(x)$ is orthogonal to \mathfrak{h}' and belongs to $\mathfrak{m}'' \cap \mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{k}''}(\mathfrak{h}') = \mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{m}''}(\mathfrak{h}')$ as claimed.

Now the dimension of $M^{H'}$ is given by

$$\dim M^{H'} = 2 \dim (K' \cdot p)^{H'} = 2(\dim (K'' \cdot p)^{H'} + 1) = 2(\dim \mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{m}''}(\mathfrak{h}') + 1).$$

This will be used in proving that $Q = \mu''^{-1}(c) \cap M^{H'}$ is a submanifold.

Note that

$$\text{Ker } d\mu_p'' = \{Y \in T_p M \mid \omega(Y, \widehat{X}_p) = 0 \text{ for all } X \in \mathfrak{k}''\} = (J\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}''|_p)^\perp = T_p K' \cdot p \oplus V_1$$

where V_1 has dimension 1 and is contained in $T_p K' \cdot p^\perp$, indeed $K' \cdot p$ is Lagrangian and $T_p M = T_p K' \cdot p \oplus J\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}''|_p \oplus V_1$. Moreover V_1 is contained in $T_p M^{H'}$; indeed H' acts by isotropy on $T_p M$ and leaves $\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}''|_p$ invariant hence $(J\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}''|_p)^\perp$ invariant. Therefore V_1 is H' -invariant, hence fixed, since it is 1 dimensional and H' is compact.

We conclude that

$$\text{Ker } d\mu_p'' \cap T_p(M^{H'}) = (T_p K' \cdot p)^{H'} \oplus V_1$$

and

$$\dim(\text{Ker } d\mu_p'' \cap T_p(M^{H'})) = \dim \mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{m}''}(\mathfrak{h}') + 2.$$

Counting the dimension of the image, it follows that $\mu''|_{M^{H'}}$ is a submersion at p , hence Q is a manifold locally around p whose dimension is $\dim \mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{m}''}(\mathfrak{h}') + 2$. Note that for dimensional reasons $Q \setminus K' \cdot p \neq \emptyset$. To complete the proof it is sufficient to observe that if we take

$y \in Q \setminus K' \cdot p$, sufficiently close to p , then the K' -orbit through y is Lagrangian. Indeed $K' \cdot y$ is isotropic for $\mu''(y) \in \mathfrak{z}''$, and furthermore $H' \subseteq K'_y$; by the Slice Theorem K'_y is conjugated to a subgroup of H' hence $\dim K'_y \leq \dim H'$ so that $\dim K' \cdot y = \dim K' \cdot p$. \square

The uniqueness of the Lagrangian K -orbit in the semisimple case is independent of the assumption $h^{1,1}(M)$.

Note that whenever $\mu^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset$, we can argue that Ω coincides the set of semistable points $M^{ss} := \{x \in M \mid \overline{G \cdot x} \cap \mu^{-1}(0) \neq \emptyset\}$. Indeed Ω is always contained in M^{ss} , moreover (see e.g. [Sj]) M^{ss} is the smallest G -invariant subset of M that contains $\mu^{-1}(0)$, therefore $M^{ss} = \Omega$. In the Kähler case it is easy to see that the stratum associated to the minimum critical set of $\|\mu\|^2$ (see [Kr] for the precise definition) coincides with the set of semistable points. Lerman in [Le] shows that this stratum retracts to the zero set; we have thus proved the following

Proposition 2. *If $\mu^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega$ is not empty, then Ω has $\mu^{-1}(0)$ as a deformation retract, and thus has the same homotopy type of the Lagrangian orbit.*

Remark 3. Let $K \cdot p$ be a Lagrangian K -orbit. One can easily show that, if $Z \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$, then $K_p = K_{\exp iZp}$ and all the orbits through $\exp iZp$ are totally real (i.e. at every point the tangent space is transversal to its image via the complex structure), but not in general Lagrangian. Consider for example the action on \mathbb{CP}^N , with $N = \frac{n^2+3n}{2} - 1$ induced by the representation ρ of $T^2 \times SU(n)$ on $V = S^2(\mathbb{C}^n) \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$, defined by $\rho(g)(X, Y) = (\alpha A X A^t, \beta A y)$ for $g = (\alpha, \beta, A) \in T^2 \times SU(n)$, where we see the elements of $S^2\mathbb{C}^n$ as symmetric matrices. Here there are more than one K -Lagrangian orbit but, moving through points $\exp itZp$, one does not meet any (other) Lagrangian orbit. Azad, Loeb and Qureshi in [ALQ] give necessary and sufficient conditions under which one can prove that there are infinitely many totally real orbits; more precisely this is the case whenever $N_G(G_p)/G_p$ is not finite. In the non semisimple case this condition is always satisfied.

Remark 4. Whenever the isotropy of a Lagrangian K -orbit is discrete, the set of Lagrangian orbits is a manifold whose dimension equals the dimension of the center of the group [Pa]. This situation holds whenever there exists a regular (i.e. principal or exceptional) Lagrangian K -orbit. Nevertheless note that if p belongs to the set

$$M_\mu \cap M_{princ}$$

where M_μ is the set of points x in M whose orbits $K \cdot \mu(x)$ has maximal dimension and M_{princ} the set of principal points in M , and the K -orbit through p is Lagrangian, then necessarily K must be abelian. Indeed, in general when $p \in M_\mu \cap M_{princ}$, $K_{\mu(p)}/K_p$ is abelian (see e.g. [HW]); since in this case $K \cdot p$ is principal and Lagrangian K_p is trivial, $K_{\mu(p)}$ is abelian, but $\mu(p) \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k})$, hence $K_{\mu(p)} = K$ and the claim follows.

Remark 5. As a consequence of Theorem 1 we have incidentally proved that linear representations of complex semisimple Lie groups are *balanced*, in the sense of [Wi], if and only if they have an open Stein orbit.

2. MINIMALITY OF LAGRANGIAN ORBITS

We here give a proof of the minimality of the Lagrangian orbit in the semisimple case, however this can be proved also as a consequence of the more general fact stated in Proposition 4.

Proposition 3. *If K is semisimple and M is Kähler Einstein, the K -orbit is also minimal.*

Proof. If H denotes the mean curvature vector of the Lagrangian orbit \mathcal{O} , it is known (see Dazord [Da]) that the 1-form $\alpha \in \Lambda^1(\mathcal{O})$ which is the ω -dual of H restricted to \mathcal{O} is closed. But α is K -invariant, hence for every $X, Y \in \mathfrak{k}$ we have

$$0 = d\alpha(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}) = \widehat{X}\alpha(\widehat{Y}) - \widehat{Y}\alpha(\widehat{X}) - \alpha([\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}]) = -\alpha([\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}]),$$

so that $\alpha([\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}, \widehat{\mathfrak{k}}]) = \alpha(\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}) = 0$ and $\alpha \equiv 0$. This means $H = 0$. □

Actually one can characterize the minimal Lagrangian orbit L in the general case.

When (M, ω) is compact we can define a *canonical moment map*, $\tilde{\mu}$, that is characterized by the fact that $\int_M \mu \omega^n = 0$. If further M is Kähler-Einstein with Einstein constant c , then $\tilde{\mu}$ can be explicitly written (see e.g. [Fu], [Po]):

$$\tilde{\mu}(p)(Y) := \frac{1}{2c} \operatorname{div}(J\widehat{Y}_p)$$

for every $Y \in \mathfrak{k}$.

Proposition 4. *Let $\tilde{\mu}$ be the canonical moment map of a Kähler-Einstein manifold, then a Lagrangian orbit \mathcal{O} is minimal if and only if $\tilde{\mu}(\mathcal{O}) = 0$.*

The previous result is stated and proved in [Pa] assuming that the Lagrangian orbit is *principal*. Actually Proposition 4 holds without any assumption on the type of Lagrangian orbits. Indeed, since L is Lagrangian, in order to prove that L is minimal, it is sufficient to show that the mean curvature vector H at some point p of L is orthogonal to $J\widehat{\mathfrak{k}}_p$ as done in [Pa] in Proposition 5. Once an orthonormal frame $\{e_i\}$ at p is fixed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H, J\widehat{Y} \rangle &= \langle \nabla_{e_i} e_i, J\widehat{Y} \rangle \\ &= e_i \sum \langle e_i, J\widehat{Y} \rangle - \sum \langle e_i, \nabla_{e_i} J\widehat{Y} \rangle \\ &= - \sum \langle e_i, \nabla_{e_i} J\widehat{Y} \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div} J\widehat{Y} \\ &= c\tilde{\mu}_p(Y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the previous proposition and the fact that the zero level set of the moment map is a single orbit when it meets the open Stein $K^{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbit (see proof of Theorem 2), we get

Corollary 2. *Let K be a compact connected group of isometries acting in a Hamiltonian fashion on a compact Kähler-Einstein manifold M . Then M admits at most one minimal Lagrangian K -orbit.*

Corollary 3. *Under the same hypotheses of Theorem 1, assuming further that $K^{\mathbb{C}}$ is simply connected, M is Kähler-Einstein and the isotropy subgroup at a point of the Stein orbit has*

finite connected components we get that M admits a unique K -orbit which turns out to be minimal.

Proof. From Theorem 1 we get that there is a Lagrangian K -orbit L ; moreover any other Lagrangian K -orbit has the same homotopy type of L by Proposition 2 and therefore has finite fundamental group. But, according to Chen (see Theorem 5.1 in [Chen] and the reference therein), in a Kähler-Einstein manifold, the mean curvature of every compact Lagrangian submanifolds with $b_1 = 0$ must vanish somewhere. The homogeneity implies that all the Lagrangian orbits are minimal. The conclusion follows from Corollary 2. \square

Obviously the same result holds if $K^{\mathbb{C}}$ is only supposed to have finite fundamental group.

3. THE CLASSIFICATION OF SIMPLE LIE GROUPS WITH A LAGRANGIAN ORBIT IN THE COMPLEX PROJECTIVE SPACE

In this section we give the complete classification of simple compact Lie groups K with a Lagrangian orbit in the complex projective space. We give also an explicit description of Lagrangian orbits, except in case $K = E_7$. This part can be treated combining the results of section 1 with the work of Sato and Kimura [SK] and Kimura [Ki].

Consider a finite-dimensional unitary representation of a compact Lie group K on a Hermitian vector space $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$. Endow $\mathbb{P}(V)$ with the Fubini-Study Kähler form and consider the induced K -action. Note that this action is automatically Hamiltonian since $\mathbb{P}(V)$ is simply connected. The map $\mu : \mathbb{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathfrak{k}^*$ defined for every $v \in V$ and $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ by

$$(3.1) \quad \mu([v])(X) = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\langle X \cdot v, v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle}$$

is a moment map for the K -action on $\mathbb{P}(V)$.

Here we recall notations and results from [SK]. Given a connected complex linear algebraic group G , and a rational representation ρ of G on a finite dimensional complex vector space V , a triplet (G, ρ, V) is *prehomogeneous* if V has a Zariski dense G -orbit.

We give here an easy-to-prove lemma that allows to find relations between almost homogeneous actions on the projective space and prehomogeneous triplets.

Lemma 3. *Let G be any complex, connected Lie group. G acts with an open dense orbit on \mathbb{CP}^{n-1} if and only if $G \times GL(1)$ acts with an open dense orbit on \mathbb{C}^n i.e. $(G \times GL(1), \rho, \mathbb{C}^n)$ is a prehomogeneous triplet.*

Hence, thanks to Theorem 1, in order to classify the action of compact *simple* Lie groups on the projective space admitting a Lagrangian orbit, it is sufficient to go through the list of prehomogeneous triplets in [SK], and consider those that have reductive generic isotropy, i.e. those that have an open Stein G -orbit. They are exactly *regular* PV spaces of [SK] (p. 59). These spaces are characterized by the existence of a *relative invariant*, i.e. a rational function f such that there exists a rational character χ of G satisfying $f(\rho(g)x) = \chi(g)f(x)$ for any $g \in G$ and $x \in V$. We here enclose a lemma that will be useful in the sequel; the proof can be found in [SK] p.64 .

Lemma 4. *If ρ is an irreducible representation, then the polynomial f that defines the hypersurface Y is irreducible.*

In [SK] prehomogeneous vector spaces are classified up to an equivalence relation which we are going to describe.

Definition 4. Two triplets (G, ρ, V) and (G', ρ', V') are called *equivalent* if there exist a rational isomorphism $\sigma : \rho(G) \rightarrow \rho'(G')$ and an isomorphism $\tau : V \rightarrow V'$, both defined over \mathbb{C} such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\tau} & V' \\ \rho(g) \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma(\rho(g)) \\ V & \xrightarrow{\tau} & V' \end{array}$$

is commutative for all $g \in G$. This equivalence relation will be denoted by $(G, \rho, V) \cong (G', \rho', V')$.

We say that two triplets (G, ρ, V) and (G', ρ', V') are *castling transforms* of each other when there exist a triplet $(\tilde{G}, \tilde{\rho}, V(m))$ and a positive number n with $m > n \geq 1$ such that

$$(G, \rho, V) \cong (\tilde{G} \times \mathrm{SL}(n), \tilde{\rho} \otimes \Lambda_1, V(m) \otimes V(n))$$

and

$$(G', \rho', V') \cong (\tilde{G} \times \mathrm{SL}(m-n), \tilde{\rho}^* \otimes \Lambda_1, V(m)^* \otimes V(m-n)),$$

where $\tilde{\rho}^*$ is the dual representation of $\tilde{\rho}$ on the dual vector space $V(m)^*$ of $V(m)$. We recall that $V(n)$ is a complex vector space of dimension n . A triplet (G, ρ, V) is called *reduced* if there is no castling transform (G', ρ', V') with $\dim V' < \dim V$.

Note that in fact in each class there is only one representative of the form $G \times \mathrm{GL}(1)$ where G is simple and it is necessarily reduced. This can be seen *a posteriori* as follows. Suppose that (G', ρ', V') is a reduced and castling equivalent to $(G \times \mathrm{GL}(1), \rho, V)$, then there should exist a representation $\tilde{\rho} : \tilde{G} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V(m))$ such that $(G \times \mathrm{GL}(1), \rho, V) \cong (\tilde{G} \times \mathrm{SL}(n), \tilde{\rho} \otimes \Lambda_1, V(m) \otimes V(n))$. But now we would have (at least locally) $G \simeq \mathrm{SL}(n)$ and $\mathrm{GL}(1) = \tilde{G}$ since G is simple, hence $G' = \mathrm{GL}(1) \times \mathrm{SL}(m-n)$, but the correspondent triple does not appear in the list of [SK] (p. 144–146).

3.1. Stabilizer and fundamental group. We here collect some results and remarks that will be used in order to single out Lagrangian homogeneous submanifolds in the complex projective space.

Assume that a complex Lie group $G = K^{\mathbb{C}}$ acts with an open Stein orbit $\Omega = \mathbb{P}^n \setminus Y$ on \mathbb{P}^n . Denote by L the Lagrangian K -orbit. Thanks to Proposition 2, we get that Ω has the same homotopy type of L . We give here a well known result on the topology of the complement of an algebraic hypersurface Y in \mathbb{P}^n (see e.g. [Li]):

Proposition 5. *Let Y be an algebraic hypersurface of \mathbb{P}^n . If its irreducible components Y_1, \dots, Y_r have degree d_1, \dots, d_r respectively, then $H_1(\mathbb{P}^n \setminus Y; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}^r / (d_1, \dots, d_r)$.*

From the previous proposition it follows that, if Y is irreducible of degree $d > 1$, then $H_1(\mathbb{P}^n \setminus Y; \mathbb{Z})$ is cyclic of order d . The open Stein orbit $\mathbb{P}^n \setminus Y$ contains the Lagrangian orbit $L = K/K_p$ and retracts onto it. From the homotopy sequence, whenever K is simply connected $\pi_1(K/K_p) \simeq K_p/K_p^o$. Hence we get a method in order to determine the number of connected components of the stabilizer K_p . If $N_K(K_p^o)/K_p^o$ is abelian then $K_p/K_p^o = \mathbb{Z}_d$. Indeed $K_p/K_p^o \subset N_K(K_p^o)/K_p^o$ is abelian, hence

$$K_p/K_p^o = \pi_1(K/K_p) = H_1(K/K_p) = \mathbb{Z}_d.$$

Remark 6. (*Self-dual representations*) Let V be a $(N+1)$ -dimensional complex self-dual representation of a compact Lie group K and μ be the corresponding moment map. Assume that $G = K^\mathbb{C}$ has an open Stein orbit $\Omega = G/H$ in \mathbb{P}^N . Assume also that the highest weight λ of the representation satisfies $2\lambda \notin R^+$. Denote by $\mathcal{P} = -\mathcal{P}$ the set of weights. If $v_{\pm 1} \in V_{\pm\lambda}$ are two non zero vectors with the same norm, then $[v] := [v_1 + v_{-1}] \in \mathbb{P}^N$ is a point in $\mu^{-1}(0)$ (see [DK]). If moreover $2\lambda \notin R^+ + R^+$, then

$$(\mathfrak{k}_{[v]})^\mathbb{C} = \ker \lambda \oplus_{\alpha \in A_\lambda} \mathfrak{k}_\alpha,$$

where $A_\lambda = \{\alpha \in R^+ : -\lambda + \alpha \notin \mathcal{P}\} = \{\alpha \in R^+ : \langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle = 0\}$. Indeed

$$X = H + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+} c_\alpha E_\alpha + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^-} d_\alpha E_\alpha$$

belongs to $(\mathfrak{k}_{[v]})^\mathbb{C}$ if and only if

$$X \cdot v = \lambda(H)(v_1 - v_{-1}) + \sum_{\alpha \in R^+} c_\alpha E_\alpha v_{-1} + \sum_{\alpha \in R^-} d_\alpha E_\alpha v_1 = c \cdot v$$

and the conclusion follows from the fact that the weight spaces $V_{-\lambda+\alpha}$ and $V_{\lambda-\beta}$ are distinct for $\alpha, \beta \in R^+$.

Remark 7. If $\Omega = K^\mathbb{C}/H^\mathbb{C}$ is the open Stein orbit, then there exists $p \in \Omega$ such that $K_p = H$. Now, by the K -equivariance of μ , $H = K_p \subseteq K_{\mu(p)}$ which is the centralizer of a torus T in K .

In some situation the only centralizer of a torus which contains H is the whole group K . In this case we have $K_{\mu(p)} = K$ and we can conclude that $\mu(p) = 0$ if K is semisimple.

3.2. The case-by-case classification. In what follows a compact Lie group K acts on the complex finite-dimensional vector space V by a linear representation ρ . Moreover we will identify the fundamental highest weights Λ_l with the corresponding irreducible representations.

- (1) $K = \mathrm{SU}(n)$, $\rho = 2\Lambda_1$. Identify the representation space V with the set of symmetric n by n complex matrices. Now the Hermitian product on V preserved by K is explicitly given by $\langle A, B \rangle = \mathrm{tr}(A\overline{B})$ and we get immediately $\mu(I_n) = 0$. Moreover if Q is the n by n matrix $\mathrm{diag}(-1, 1, \dots, 1)$, the stabilizer at I_n is

$$\{\alpha \cdot \mathrm{SO}(n) : \alpha^n = 1\} \cup \{\alpha Q \cdot \mathrm{SO}(n) : \alpha^n = -1\}$$

Therefore the K -orbit through I_n is Lagrangian in $\mathbb{P}(V)$ and $K_{I_n}/K_{I_n}^o \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n$. Indeed it is generated by $e^{i\frac{\pi}{n}}$ if n is even, and by $e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}}$ if n is odd.

- (2) $K = \mathrm{SU}(n)$, $\rho = \Lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda_1^*$. Identify V with $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^{n*}$. Take $p = (e_1, e_1^*)$. A direct calculation shows that $\mu(p) = 0$. The real isotropy is $\mathrm{SU}(n-1) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2$.
- (3) $K = \mathrm{SU}(n)$, $\rho = \Lambda_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda_1$ n times. Identify V with $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$. Take $p = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$. A slightly more complicated calculation shows that $\mu(p) = 0$. The complex isotropy of p is discrete while the real one is \mathbb{Z}_n .
- (4) $K = \mathrm{SU}(2n)$, $\rho = \Lambda_2$. Identify the representation space V with the set of anti-symmetric $2n$ by $2n$ complex matrices. The argument of case 1 applies to $p = J_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. The real stabilizer is

$$\{\omega \cdot \mathrm{Sp}(n) : \omega^{4n} = 1\}.$$

Since $-I_{2n} \in \mathrm{Sp}(n)$ we have $K_{J_n} = \mathrm{Sp}(n) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_{2n}$ and the K -orbit through J_n is Lagrangian.

- (5) $K = \mathrm{SU}(2n+1)$, $\rho = \Lambda_2 \oplus \Lambda_1$. Identify the Λ_2 part of V with anti-symmetric complex matrices and take $p = (\tilde{J}_n, e_1)$ where $\tilde{J}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & J_n \end{bmatrix}$. Again, if μ is the moment map associated to the hermitian metric $h((X, v), (Y, w)) = \mathrm{Tr}({}^t X \overline{Y}) + 2v\overline{w}$, a straightforward computation proves that $\mu(p) = 0$, and the real isotropy at p is $\mathrm{Sp}(n)\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$.
- (6) $K = \mathrm{SU}(2)$, $\rho = 3\Lambda_1$. This case has also been treated in [Ch]. The representation is self-dual, hence we apply remark 7. Here $\lambda = 3\epsilon_1$ and the set of simple roots $R = \{\pm\alpha\}$ with $\alpha = \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2$. Hence \mathcal{P} is the set $\{\lambda, \lambda - \alpha, \lambda - 2\alpha, \lambda - 3\alpha\}$ and $\mathfrak{k}_{[v]} = \{0\}$. Explicitly, identifying the representation space with the space of complex homogeneous polynomial of degree 3, we can take $[v] = z_1^3 + z_2^3$ and $K_{[v]}$ is a non-abelian group of order 12 whose abelianization is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_4 . More precisely $K_{[v]}$ is isomorphic to the unique non-trivial semidirect product $\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_4$ in which \mathbb{Z}_3 is normal.
- (7) $K = \mathrm{SU}(6)$ $\rho = \Lambda_3$. The representation is again self-dual, here $\lambda = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3$ and $\mathcal{P} = \{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j + \epsilon_k; i < j < k\}$ and $A_\lambda = \{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j; i < j < 3\} \cup \{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j; 4 \leq i < j\}$ hence $\mathfrak{k}_{[v]} = \mathfrak{su}(3) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(3)$. Explicitly $[v] = [e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 + e_4 \wedge e_5 \wedge e_6]$ and $K_{[v]}$ has four connected components given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix} : A, D \in \mathrm{SU}(3) \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix} : A, D \in \mathrm{U}(3), \det A = \det D = -1 \right\} \\ & \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} : \det B = \det C = i \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} : \det B = \det C = -i \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the fundamental group of the Lagrangian orbit has order 4. But, since $H_1(L, \mathbb{Z})$ is equal to \mathbb{Z}_4 (indeed the invariant has degree 4 [SK] (p.144)), $\pi_1(L) = \mathbb{Z}_4$.

- (8) $K = \mathrm{SU}(7)$, $\rho = \Lambda_3$. Take p such that $K \cdot p$ is the Lagrangian K -orbit in $\mathbb{P}(V)$. By [SK] (p. 144) we know that $K_p^\circ = \mathrm{G}_2$. Let $g \in N_K(\mathrm{G}_2)$, then g induces an automorphism of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_2 which is necessarily inner, since \mathfrak{g}_2 has only inner automorphisms. Therefore there exists $h \in \mathrm{G}_2$ such that gh induces the identity on

\mathfrak{g}_2 , i.e. centralizes G_2 . Now, recalling that G_2 acts irreducibly on \mathbb{C}^7 , we get that gh is a scalar multiple of the identity and $N_K(G_2) \subset G_2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}_7$, where \mathbb{Z}_7 is the center of $SU(7)$, and $K_p = G_2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}_7$.

- (9) $K = SU(8)$, $\rho = \Lambda_3$. In this case, if p is such that $K \cdot p$ is the Lagrangian K -orbit in $\mathbb{P}(V)$, following the explicit calculations in [SK] (p.87–90), we know that K_p^o is the image in $SU(8)$ of $SU(3)$ via the map $Ad^{\mathbb{C}} : SU(3) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{C}))$, hence $K_p^o \simeq SU(3)/\mathbb{Z}_3$. We claim that the cardinality of $N_K(K_p^o)/K_p^o$ is not greater than 16, therefore the cardinality of $H_1(K/K_p, \mathbb{Z})$ cannot be greater than 16, while from [SK] we know that its cardinality is exactly 16. Recall that every automorphism of $\mathfrak{su}(3)$ is given by the composition of an inner and an outer (the conjugation σ) automorphism; let g be in $N_K(K_p^o)$ and ϕ_g the induced automorphism on K_p^o . Then two possibilities arise. In the first case there exists $h \in K_p^o$ such that $\phi_g = \phi_h$, in other words gh^{-1} commutes with K_p^o , which acts irreducibly on \mathbb{C}^8 , hence, by the Schur Lemma, it is a scalar multiple of the identity, i.e. an element of the center \mathbb{Z}_8 of $SU(8)$. Otherwise there exists $h \in K_p^o$ such that $\phi_g = \phi_h \circ \sigma$; in this case put $g_o = h^{-1} \circ g$. Therefore $N_K(K_p^o) = K_p^o \cdot (\mathbb{Z}_8 \cup g_o \mathbb{Z}_8)$, and has at most order 16. Now, since K_p^o has no center, we conclude that $K_p = K_p^o \cdot \mathbb{Z}_{16}$.
- (10) $K = Sp(n)$, $\rho = \Lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda_1$. Identify V with $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$. Take $p = (e_1, e_2)$, $\mu(p) = 0$. The complex isotropy at p is locally isomorphic to $Sp(n-1, \mathbb{C})$ while the real isotropy is $Sp(n-1) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2$.
- (11) $K = Sp(3)$, $\rho = \Lambda_3$. The action is the restriction of the $SU(6)$ action on the same space. Therefore the stabilizer is given by the intersection of $Sp(3)$ with the stabilizer obtained in (7). Hence $K_{[v]}$ is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{A} \end{bmatrix} : A \in SU(3), \det A = 1 \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{A} \end{bmatrix} : A \in U(3), \det A = -1 \right\} \cup$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ -\overline{B} & 0 \end{bmatrix} : B \in U(3); \det B = i \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ -\overline{B} & 0 \end{bmatrix} : B \in U(3); \det B = -i \right\}$$

And we conclude as in (7).

- (12) $K = SO(n)$, $\rho = \Lambda_1$. The representation ρ is self-dual, nevertheless it is easier to see that $\mu(p) = 0$, where $p = [1 : 0 : \dots : 0]$. and $K_p = SO(n-1) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2$.
- (13) $K = Spin(7)$, $\rho = \text{spin rep.}$ The orbits of $Spin(7)$ are the same of $SO(8)$ (see the previous case), therefore the Lagrangian orbit is

$$\frac{Spin(7)}{G_2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2} = \frac{SO(8)}{SO(7) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2} = \mathbb{RP}^7.$$

- (14) $K = Spin(9)$, $\rho = \text{spin rep.}$ The case is completely analogous to the previous one considering the inclusion $Spin(9) \subset SO(16)$. Thus the Lagrangian orbit is

$$\frac{Spin(9)}{Spin(7) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2} = \frac{SO(16)}{SO(15) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2} = \mathbb{RP}^{15}.$$

- (15) $K = Spin(10)$, $\rho = \Lambda_e \oplus \Lambda_e$ where Λ_e is the even half-spin representation. The complex isotropy through the point $p = (1 + e_{1234}, e_{15} + e_{2345})$ is locally isomorphic

to $G_2^{\mathbb{C}}$ (see [SK] also for notations and conventions on the spin representation space). Moreover a direct computation using formula 3.1 shows that $\mu(p) = 0$, thus p belongs to a Lagrangian orbit.

- (16) $K = \text{Spin}(11)$, $\rho = \text{spin rep.}$ This case and the next one (to which we refer) can be treated simultaneously since $\text{Spin}(11)$ and $\text{Spin}(12)$ have the same orbits on \mathbb{P}^{31} . This can be easily seen noting that $\text{Spin}(11) \subset \text{Spin}(12)$ and computing the cohomogeneity of these actions. In the case of $\text{Spin}(11)$ the isotropy of the Lagrangian orbit is locally isomorphic to $\text{SU}(5)$.
- (17) $K = \text{Spin}(12)$, $\rho = \Lambda_e$ The computation of the fundamental group of the Lagrangian orbit is done by several steps.

Step 1. The representation ρ is of quaternionic type, so it preserves a quaternionic structure $J \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^{32})$, such that $J^2 = -\text{id}$. Denote by λ the maximal weight of ρ and by T a fixed maximal torus of K . Note first that the Weyl group $W_{\text{Spin}(12)}$ contains -1 . Let $w \in N_{\text{Spin}(12)}(T)$ induce -1 on \mathfrak{t} . Since $w(\lambda) = -\lambda$, w preserves also λ^\perp , therefore $w \in N_K(\text{SU}(6)) \subset N_K(\text{U}(6))$. On the other hand w cannot lie in $\text{U}(6)$ because otherwise w should belong to $W_{\text{SU}(6)}$ but $-1 \notin W_{\text{SU}(6)}$. Hence w generates $N(\text{U}(6)/\text{U}(6))$, and by [BR] we know that $N_{\text{SO}(12)}(\text{U}(6)/\text{U}(6)) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$.

Step 2. Take $p \in \mathbb{P}^{31}$ with $K \cdot p$ Lagrangian and K_p^o locally isomorphic to $\text{SU}(6)$. Since ρ is self dual, Remark 6 implies that $p = u_1 + u_{-1}$ with $u_{\pm 1} \in V_{\pm\lambda}$ and $\|u_1\| = \|u_{-1}\|$. Now $K_p \subset N_{\text{SO}(12)}(\text{SU}(6)) \subset N_{\text{SO}(12)}(\text{U}(6))$, hence if $k \in K_p$ then $k \in w^i \text{U}(6) = w^i T^1 \cdot \text{SU}(6)$ for $i = 0, 1$, where T' is the center of $\text{U}(6)$.

Step 3. Let $v_1 \in V_\lambda$ be fixed and take $v_2 = Jv_1 \in V_{-\lambda}$. It is possible to choose $x \in \text{U}(1)$ such that $p = v_1 + xv_2$ and $w \cdot p \in \mathbb{C} \cdot p$, and the K -orbit through p is Lagrangian.

Step 4. Let $T^1 \in \text{U}(6)$ be the center of $\text{U}(6)$. We consider the homomorphism $c : T^1 \rightarrow \text{U}(1)$ such that, for every $t \in T^1$, $t \cdot v_1 = c(t) \cdot v_1$, with $c(t) \neq 1$. By easy computations we get that $t \cdot v_2 = \overline{c(t)} v_2$. Let $k \in K_p \subset w^i \cdot T^1 \cdot \text{SU}(6) = T^1 \cdot w^i \text{SU}(6)$, since both w and $\text{SU}(6)$ fix $[p]$, then $k \in H \cdot w^i \cdot \text{SU}(6)$ where $H := \{t \in T^1, t[p] = [p]\}$. Now $t \cdot p \in \mathbb{C} \cdot p$ if and only if $c(t) = \pm 1$ i.e. $H = \text{Ker}(c^2) \subset T^1$ is cyclic.

Step 5. Recall that $w^2 \in T$, hence it commutes with H . In $\text{SO}(12)$, w can be taken as $\text{diag}(B, B, \dots, B)$ where $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$; then $w \in \text{Spin}(12)$, taken in $\pi^{-1}(w_{\text{SO}(12)})$, is such that $w^2 \in \pi^{-1}(e) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$ i.e. $w^4 = \text{id}$.

Step 6. Now we determine H . If uJ , with $u \in i\mathbb{R}$, is a generic element of \mathfrak{t}^1 , and $J := \text{diag}(A, A, \dots, A)$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ we have $H = \{uJ | \exp(uJ)v_1 = \pm v_1\}$, and recalling that $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \dots + \omega_6)$, where ω_i are the fundamental weights, we get

$$H = \{uJ | u = \frac{\pi}{3}i \cdot k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Obviously $H \cap \text{SU}(6) = \mathbb{Z}_6$ therefore $[k] \in K_p/K_p^o$ is generated by $[w]$ and by α , where α is a non trivial element of $H/H \cap \text{SU}(6) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$. Now $w^2 \in H$, thus $[w]^2$ equals α

or 1 and $|K_p/K_p^o| \leq 4$. The claim follows from the fact that the invariant has degree $d = 4$.

- (18) $K = \text{Spin}(14)$, $\rho = \Lambda_e$ Let p be such that $K \cdot p$ is the Lagrangian K -orbit in $\mathbb{P}(V)$. From [SK] we know that G_p^o is $G_2^{\mathbb{C}} \times G_2^{\mathbb{C}}$ and from the inclusion

$$G_2 \times G_2 \subset \text{SO}(7) \times \text{SO}(7) \subset \text{SO}(14)$$

which lifts to $\text{Spin}(14)$ ($G_2 \times G_2$ is simply connected), we get $K_p^o = G_2 \times G_2$. Now we claim that $\pi_1(K_p) = K_p/K_p^o$ is exactly \mathbb{Z}_8 . Since in this case the degree of the invariant is 8 (see [SK]) to prove this fact it is sufficient to show that $|N_K(K_p^o)/K_p^o|$ is at most 8.

First we compute $N_{\text{SO}(14)}(K_p^o)/K_p^o$. As an automorphism of $G_2 \times G_2$ an element g of $N_{\text{SO}(14)}(K_p^o)$ can either preserve or interchange the G_2 factors. Since \mathfrak{g}_2 has no outer automorphism and the centralizer of G_2 in $\text{O}(7)$ is $\{\pm \text{Id}\}$ we have that $N_{\text{SO}(14)}(K_p^o)$ is given by the following four connected components:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} : A, B \in G_2 \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -A & 0 \\ 0 & -B \end{bmatrix} : A, B \in G_2 \right\} \cup \\ \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ -B & 0 \end{bmatrix} : A, B \in G_2 \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -A \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} : A, B \in G_2 \right\}.$$

Thus $N_{\text{SO}(14)}(K_p^o)/K_p^o \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$. Now note that the Lie group covering map $\text{Spin}(14) \rightarrow \text{SO}(14)$ induces an epimorphism

$$\frac{N_{\text{Spin}(14)}(K_p^o)}{K_p^o} \rightarrow \frac{N_{\text{SO}(14)}(K_p^o)}{K_p^o}$$

whose kernel is \mathbb{Z}_2 and the claim follows.

- (19) $K = E_6$, $\rho = \Lambda_1$. As before let p be such that $K \cdot p$ is the Lagrangian K -orbit in $\mathbb{P}(V)$. From [SK] we know that G_p^o is $F_4^{\mathbb{C}}$ but $F_4 \subset E_6$, hence $K_p^o = F_4$. Following the same argument as in (8), since F_4 has only inner automorphisms, we get that $N_K(F_4)$ is contained in $F_4 \cdot C_K(F_4)$. Now F_4 acts on $\mathbb{C}^{27} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}^{26}$ irreducibly on the second summand, hence $C_K(F_4)$ acts on each summand as scalar multiplication. Therefore $C_K(F_4)$ is contained in a 2-dimensional torus and $N_K(F_4)/F_4$ is abelian. Since in this case the invariant has degree 3, we have $K_p = F_4 \cdot \mathbb{Z}_3$. Note that \mathbb{Z}_3 is the center of E_6 which acts trivially on P^{26} .
- (20) $K = E_7$, $\rho = \Lambda_1$. As before let p be such that $K \cdot p$ is the Lagrangian K -orbit in $\mathbb{P}(V)$. From [SK] we know that G_p^o is $E_6^{\mathbb{C}}$ but $E_6 \subset E_7$, hence $K_p^o = E_6$. This representation is self-dual.
- (21) $K = G_2$, $\rho = \Lambda_2$. The orbits of G_2 are the same of $\text{SO}(7)$ (see case (13)), therefore the Lagrangian orbit is

$$\frac{G_2}{\text{SU}(3) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2} = \frac{\text{SO}(7)}{\text{SO}(6) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2} = \mathbb{RP}^6.$$

We have thus proved Theorem 3

Table 1: Lagrangian orbits of simple Lie Groups in Projective spaces

	K	ρ	$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{P}(V)$	cond.	K_p^0	K_p/K_p^0	d
1	$SU(n)$	$2\Lambda_1$	$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$		$SO(n)$	\mathbb{Z}_n	n
2	$SU(n)$	$\Lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda_1^*$	$2n - 1$		$SU(n - 1)$	\mathbb{Z}_2	2
3	$SU(n)$	$\underbrace{\Lambda_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda_1}_n$	$n^2 - 1$		$\{1\}$	\mathbb{Z}_n	n
4	$SU(2n)$	Λ_2	$n(2n - 1) - 1$	$n \geq 3$	$Sp(n)$	\mathbb{Z}_{2n}	$2n$
5	$SU(2n + 1)$	$\Lambda_2 \oplus \Lambda_1$	$2n^2 + 3n + 1$	$n \geq 2$	$Sp(n)$	\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}	$n + 1$
6	$SU(2)$	$3\Lambda_1$	3		$\{1\}$	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_4$	4
7	$SU(6)$	Λ_3	19		$(SU(3) \times SU(3))$	\mathbb{Z}_4	4
8	$SU(7)$	Λ_3	34		G_2	\mathbb{Z}_7	7
9	$SU(8)$	Λ_3	55		$Ad(SU(3))$	\mathbb{Z}_{16}	16
10	$Sp(n)$	$\Lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda_1$	$4n - 1$		$Sp(n - 1)$	\mathbb{Z}_2	2
11	$Sp(3)$	Λ_3	13		$SU(3)$	\mathbb{Z}_4	4
12	$SO(n)$	Λ_1	$n - 1$	$n \geq 3$	$SO(n - 1)$	\mathbb{Z}_2	2
13	$Spin(7)$	spin rep.	7		G_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	2
14	$Spin(9)$	spin rep.	15		$Spin(7)$	\mathbb{Z}_2	2
15	$Spin(10)$	$\Lambda_e \oplus \Lambda_e$	31		G_2	—	4
16	$Spin(11)$	spin rep.	31		$SU(5)$	\mathbb{Z}_4	4
17	$Spin(12)$	Λ_e	31		$SU(6)$	\mathbb{Z}_4	4
18	$Spin(14)$	Λ_e	63		$(G_2 \times G_2)$	\mathbb{Z}_8	8
19	E_6	Λ_1	26		F_4	\mathbb{Z}_3	3
20	E_7	Λ_1	55		E_6	—	4
21	G_2	Λ_2	6		$SU(3)$	\mathbb{Z}_2	2

In the Table the connected components of the isotropy subgroups K_p of points p through which the K -orbit is Lagrangian are listed in the fifth column.

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